

# Help from the Father

A father watched through the kitchen window as his small son attempted to lift a large stone out of his sandbox.

Approaching the youngster, he asked: "What's wrong, Son? Can't you lift that rock out?"

"No, sir," the boy said. "I can't do it."

"Have you used all the strength that's available to you?" the father asked.

"Yes, sir," the boy replied.

"No, you haven't," the father said. "You haven't asked me to help you."



Parents are eager to help their children learn and succeed as they grow, engage in learning, advance through various stages of their development, and set a course for their lives.

As adults, looking back on how we got to where we are, it is easy to recall the sacrifices made by a mother and a father that enabled us to overcome one obstacle after another to arrive at our present state. In reflecting, a sense of gratitude overwhelms us at the love demonstrated toward us.

We have a heavenly Father who stands ready to help us – but how often do we ask for His strength, His assistance, His support?

This Father knows our every concern and the circumstances that threaten to get us down. He desires us to communicate with Him to find solutions to any problem.

God loves His children more than we can ever imagine, and He is eager to give us good gifts and impart His wisdom to achieve the fulfilling life that our Lord desires for us.

*Surely God is my help; the Lord is the one who sustains me (Psalm 54:4 NIV).*

– Beecher Hunter